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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, the unextended period for response to which is set to expire March 3, 2003. A VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE is attached hereto in which deletions are designated by brackets and insertions of new language are underlined.

In the Specification

Applicant requests amendment of the specification as follows:

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Replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 17 with:

The coating can be applied at the time of manufacture of the material itself, in the course of its fabrication into a endovascular graft cover, and/or at the time of use. Suitable non-photoreactive methods for coating such materials (in either a covalent or noncovalent fashion) are described in Hoffman, A.S., "Immobilization of Biomolecules and Cells on and within Polymeric Biomaterials", *Clin. Mat.* 11:61-66 (1992).

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